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SIERRA VISTA WOMAN CHARGED WITH KIDNAPING OF 15-YEAR-OLD BOY

TUCSON, Ariz. - Denise Green, AKA Denise Philpott, 32, of Sierra Vista, Ariz., was arrested on June 28, 2006, and charged on June 29, 2006 with Kidnaping. The criminal complaint alleges that Philpott took a 15-year male from Arizona, where the boy was living in a group home for teens, to Indiana. Philpott is currently in federal custody. Her release, ordered on a \$1,000 bond during her detention hearing last Friday, has been stayed pending the government's appeal to a U.S. District Court Judge later this week.

Philpott allegedly met the victim when he was 14 years old while she was working as a behavioral health technician at the home for teens where the boy resided. The complaint alleges that, starting when the boy was 14 years old and Philpott was 31, they had sexual relations over the course of one year.

On June 14, 2006, Philpott decided to leave Arizona and go to Indiana with her four children, ages five to 14, and the 15-year-old boy. The boy was reported missing when he did not return to the group home. He was eventually found in Indiana on June 23, 2006.

A conviction for Kidnaping carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, with a mandatory minimum of 20 years, and the possibility of a \$250,000 fine. In determining an actual sentence, the assigned U.S. District Court Judge will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

A criminal complaint is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation, still ongoing in this case, was conducted by the FBI, the Cochise County Sheriff's Office and the Morgan County Police Department in Indiana. The prosecution is being handled by Sandra M. Hansen, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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